

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An impact modified thermoplastic olefin composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a blend of one or more polyolefin homopolymer resins, from about 17% by weight to about 30% by weight of one or more rubbery copolymers comprising at least one alpha olefin, and from about 1.0% to about 8.0% by weight of one or more nonionic surfactants.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The impact modified thermoplastic olefin composition according to claim 1 further comprising ~~up to about 8% by weight of~~ mineral oil or polybutene, provided that the mineral oil or polybutene is present in an amount that does not exceed 8% by weight.

Claim 3 (original): The impact modified thermoplastic olefin composition according to claim 1 wherein the polyolefin homopolymer resin is a polypropylene homopolymer.

Claim 4 (original): The impact modified thermoplastic olefin composition according to claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of ethoxylated ethers, ethoxylated alkylphenols, ethoxylated aryl phenols and ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid esters.

Claim 5 (original): The impact modified thermoplastic olefin composition according to claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monopalmitate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monostearate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan tristearate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate and polyoxyethylene sorbitan trioleate.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An impact modified thermoplastic olefin composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a homopolymer of polypropylene, from about 17% by weight to about 25% by weight of a rubbery copolymer of ethylene and octene, and from about 1.25% by weight to about 4% by weight of an ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid ester.

Claim 7 (original): The impact modified thermoplastic olefin composition according to claim 6 wherein the ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid ester is polyoxyethylene sorbitan trioleate.

Claim 8 (original): The impact modified thermoplastic olefin composition according to claim 6 having an instrumented impact strength at -30°C. of 100 in-lbs or greater as measured in accordance with ASTM D 5420 and a flexural modulus of 1.4×10^5 psi or greater as measured in accordance with ASTM D 790.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method of forming a part comprising providing a thermoplastic olefin composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a blend of one or more polyolefin homopolymer resins, from about 17% by weight to about 30% by weight of one or more rubbery copolymers comprising at least one alpha olefin, and from about 1.0% to about 8.0% by weight of one or more nonionic surfactants; heating the thermoplastic olefin composition to form a flowable melt; injecting the flowable melt into a mold; and removing the part from the mold.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to claim 9 ~~wherein~~ further comprising painting the part.

Claim 11 (new): An impact modified thermoplastic olefin composition comprising a blend of one or more polyolefin homopolymer resins, from about 17% by weight to about 30% by weight of one or more rubbery copolymers comprising at least one alpha olefin, and from about 1.0% to about 8.0% by weight of one or more nonionic surfactants selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monopalmitate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monostearate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan tristearate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate and polyoxyethylene sorbitan trioleate.